

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MILEHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**Present:** Councillor S Tooth (Chair)  
Councillor A Cutbill  
Councillor M Bergan  
Councillor M Butler-Stoney  
Councillor M Harmer  
Councillor J Powell (after co-option)

Five parishioners.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had also been received from District Councillor T Carter who was unwell.

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.**

There were no DPIs.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

Councillor Harmer proposed and Councillor Cutbill seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting on 26 February having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. Co-option to the Parish Council.**

Councillor Harmer proposed and Councillor Bergan seconded the resolution that John Powell be co-opted to the Parish Council. All were in favour and the declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed and witnessed.

**5. Public Participation.**

**5.1 County and District Councillor Reports.**

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris apologised for missing the previous meeting but he was detained at Beeston Parish Council as the Parish Council was not quorate until 8.10 p.m. The County Councillor reported that Norfolk County Council set the budget on 11 February which is a 2.99% rise making a £31.59 rise for a band property. There is no increase of 3% for Adult Social Services as the rises since 2016 have been cumulated and will show as a separate item on the Council Tax form. The costs for this are escalating but the County Council has received a further £29 million for people to live independent lives. Children's Services which was rated poor is now good and it is hoped that some parts will be outstanding. There are 1200 in the care of the Council, 3000 children in special and complex needs schools, 2900 children in need and 20000 with special educational needs. Children are now classed as being up to 25 years old as the Government has increased the top age from 18 to 25. Fostering a child costs £39000 per annum, residential Care £150000 and Complex Needs £500000. The budget for Children's Services is £186 million and out of this there is home to school transport of £27.7 million, placements and support for looked after children £57 million and education and care for children with SEN £56.4 million. It is projected that by 2030 the precept raised by Norfolk County Council will only go to pay for Adult Social Services.

A parishioner raised a query with the County Councillor over the reduction of Rate Support Grant which has been reducing since 2010 and will be ended by 2020/21 and therefore the parishioner felt that the residents are paying twice for some services as they are still paying

income tax as before but now having increased Council Taxes to pay for services previously paid from Central Government. The County Councillor will investigate his query but stated that the County Council had made £204 million savings and the previous Government had given more money to urban areas than rural areas.

## **5.2 Public Participation.**

A parishioner stated that he thought that the new Policy in the emerging Local Plan, HOU 05, takes away all safety for the village as there could be unlimited development. This item was to be discussed later.

## **6. Matters to Report.**

### **6.1 Flooding to the west of Mileham.**

The Clerk reports that he had e-mailed a response to the flooding report from Norfolk County Council and invited a representative to a meeting. He had not had response by the meeting although he had rung to request a response. The County Councillor had reported the flooding from the land on Litcham Road to the estates department of NPS.

### **6.2 Notice Board and Bench.**

Councillor Butler-Stoney stated that he had been in touch with a contractor and the notice board will be moved shortly and refurbished. The new Clerk reported that she had contacted another contractor who had confirmed that the bench needed stripping prior to re-varnishing which had not been done the previous year. She had obtained a price of £130 from a parishioner to refurbish both the bench and notice board. It was agreed to proceed with this quote. The new Clerk also thought that the notice board should be moved to The Street and she will check on ownership of the land.

### **6.3 Defibrillator.**

The Clerk had discussed the siting of the cabinet with the Village Hall and had ordered the defibrillator.

### **6.4 Sale of Mileham School and Land.**

The Clerk had received a communication from NP Law regarding the comments forwarded by the Parish Council. It was agreed to look at forming an attenuation pond on the field and enquiring from the Environment Agency and Easton College if this could be used as an educational project. It was stated that Mileham Charities have the ability to run a new charity and this is to be recommended to the Charity Commission although it is NP Law and Norfolk County Council who will have to put forward proposals to the Charity Commission on the future of the charity. A possible link from the Pit to the field will be investigated.

### **6.5 Upkeep of the Playing Field.**

The Clerk had obtained a quotation from the insurers that there would be an additional premium of £87.36 per annum to cover the playing field for public liability. It was agreed to consider a Sub-Committee to administer the area.

## **7. Highways.**

### **7.1 Report from Items raised at the previous meeting.**

The Clerk had confirmed the times for the new bus service and that it is a hail and ride service. The ditch on Beeston Road had been reported again. The pothole on the footway outside the Village Hall, the pothole on Beeston Road and the footway clearance on The Street had been reported and all are programmed for repair. The pothole on Beeston Road had subsequently been repaired. The ditch on Litcham Road that needs clearing had been clarified to the Highways Engineer. The passing place on Beeston Road had been reported again.

### **7.2 New problems.**

There are potholes at the entrance to Burghwood drive and there had been flytipping on Litcham Road near to the Nar Valley Way and these will be reported.  
will be reported.

### **7.3 Bus Shelter.**

The Clerk confirmed that there are 44 students in Mileham who go to Litcham School and she had noticed that there are only 11 using the shelter at any one time. In September there will

only be 34 students attending Litcham School. It was agreed to consider an additional shelter in September which would be in time for a local highway partnership scheme.

#### 7.4 Dog Fouling.

There had been no further complaints.

### 8. Planning.

#### 8.1 Applications.

##### 8.1.1 3PL/2019/0254/HOU- Firs Bungalow Stanfield Road-side and rear extension with loft conversion and new detached garage.

Councillor Tooth proposed and Councillor Cutbill seconded the resolution that no objection be raised. All were in favour.

#### 8.2 Decisions.

The following decision was noted.

##### 8.1.2 3PL/2019/0018/F-Burwood Hall-open span building for housing cattle.

Approved

#### 8.3 Planning Committee.

No notification had been received whether any applications have been referred to the Planning Committee.

#### 8.4 Local Plan Consultation.

This was discussed at length and it was felt that some of the wording is ambiguous, any protection had been removed by the new wording for HOU 05. Councillor Cutbill raised the issue of flooding and that a small development would not be covered by a flooding assessment. It was agreed to respond that there is a danger of the loss of open spaces within built up areas, it is ambiguous, there is no protection for small villages and that the removal of the Parish Council from approving of sites is not justified. Therefore the plan is not sound.

### 9. Finance.

#### 9.1 Budget.

Councillor Tooth proposed and Councillor Butler-Stoney seconded the resolution that the budget which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

#### 9.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Tooth proposed and Councillor Butler-Stoney seconded the resolution that the balances and cheques for authorisation which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

##### Balances :-

##### **Business Premium Account.**

Balance at 28 09 18	8594.05
Interest 03 12 18	<u>4.29</u>
Balance at 31 12 18	8598.34

##### **Community Account**

Balance at 31 01 19	5749.22	
Less cheques authorised 29 01 19-	<u>1036.41</u>	
	4712.81	
Plus Norfolk County Council Recycling payment	<u>152.82</u>	
Balance at 28 02 19	4865.63	
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 26 02 19	<u>637.71</u>	
Balance at 28 02 19	4227.92	

Amount available for Section 137 :  
Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

678	B J Leigh Salary	Salary February 16 hours @12.012 less PAYE 38.40	153.79
679	D Secker	Salary March 16 hours @ £10.16 less PAYE 32.60	129.96
680	HMRC	PAYE	71.00
681	Mileham Village Hall	Recycling Payment	290.99
682	Mileham PCC	Donation	500.00
683	B J Leigh	Mileage-148 miles @ .45 per mile=66.60 Postage-7.85 Use of Home as Office- 01 09 18-31 03 19-50.00	124.45
684	Beetley Parish Council	Photocopying	9.60
685	D Secker	Mileage to Training Course-48 miles at .45 per mile	21.60

**10. Correspondence.**

There was no correspondence for circulation.

**11. Matters for the next meeting.**

There were no matters raised for the next meeting.

**11. Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Tuesday 30 April 2019 at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2057.